

# **Department of Labor and Industry – State Workforce Investment Board Desiree Taggart Memorial Awards Fact Sheet**

## **Award History**

- The Governor's State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) in cooperation with the Montana Council for Workforce Quality developed the award in 2002
- The awards provide an opportunity to publicly acknowledge outstanding businesses, programs and individuals who participate in the public workforce development system.
- The awards are given in memory of Desiree Taggart, the first Director of Workforce Development in the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Taggart, who died in 2002, is remembered for her:
  - Inspiring dedication to Montana's workforce development efforts
  - Abundant energy and willingness to go the extra mile
  - Inquisitive mind and creative solutions
  - Passion for quality and excellence in workforce development
  - Fostering positive relationships among workforce development professionals, businesses and Montana's workforce

## **Categories**

- Outstanding Business of the Year – For Profit
- Outstanding Business of the Year – Not for Profit
- Quality Program – Private Sector
- Quality Program – Public Sector
- Individual Workforce Development – Private Sector
- Individual Workforce Development – Public Sector

## **Eligibility**

Montana workforce development organizations, businesses and individuals are eligible for the awards based on outstanding achievement or contribution to employment and training efforts in Montana, including: improved productivity, creativity, economy and efficiency in Montana's workforce system.

## **Selection and Presentation**

- Nominations for 2006 are due May 31, 2006
- A selection team individually scores nominees based solely on nomination paperwork.
- Scores are presented to SWIB's Executive Committee.
- The SWIB Executive Committee compiles recommendations of award winners for submission to the Governor.
- The Governor selects one winner in each category.
- The SWIB presents the award annually.